

***"Government spending is a freight train without breaks..."***

Washington D.C.- Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) supported finding a solution to the nation's growing spending problem by casting a no vote to raise the national debt limit by \$290 billion dollars. The current national debt ceiling is \$12.1 trillion dollars which will be reached on Dec 31, 2009.

"If you reach your spending limit on a credit card you can't ask the company to increase your line of credit, you have to make fiscally responsible decisions to pay down your debt," Lungren said.

The debt increase which passed the House by a vote of 218-214 will give the federal government the ability to finance its operations for only six additional weeks.

"We just had a \$1.4 trillion dollar deficit at the end of our budget year in September. It is time to say enough is enough, stop pointing fingers and fix this crushing debt burden facing our country."

\*Congressman Lungren is a co-sponsor of the **Securing America's Future Economy (SAFE) Commission** - introduced by Reps. Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Jim Cooper (D-TN). This commission would establish a bipartisan, 16 member commission to review what government is required to spend (mandatory entitlements) to spending on all other programs (education, transportation, health care, national defense) to tax policy - and offer solutions. No budget item would be beyond scrutiny.

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Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees

